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Workers' Compensation & Safety Division

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2011

Invitation to participate in a teleconference with Vermont Department of Labor Workers' RE:

Compensation Staff and other interested parties.

As many of you are aware, the Vermont Department of Labor has been reviewing its Workers' Compensation business practices with a goal of becoming more efficient and responsive.

When our consultant interviewed persons outside the department who are involved with the system, many suggested that it would be beneficial to communicate more often with workers' compensation practitioners. The Department agrees with this suggestion and will be scheduling quarterly teleconferences with the Director and staff so that interested parties may call in and discuss workers' compensation issues with the Workers' Compensation & Safety Division.

The first quarterly teleconference is scheduled for January 5, 2012 from 9:00 to 11:00.

To participate, please dial in to: 1-866-642-1665 and use Access Code: 948587. If you would like to attend in person please come to 5 Green Mountain Drive, Lobby Conference Room, Montpelier, Vermont.

We will discuss the upcoming legislative session, preauthorization, and the progress of rulemaking.

If there are other specific issues you would like discussed, please send your questions to Kristina Bielenberg [kristina.bielenberg@state.vt.us]

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